annual report, made public to-night. sand additional men are needed for this Since the policy of the Navy General purpose."

The report shows that 40 per cent of Board has been to keep the corps at one-fifth of the total enlisted strength of the corps only fifteen hundred men, sixty officers and twenty-three warrant officers. Secretary Daniels has asked Congress for this enlargement of the corps.

Every year since the Spanish war marines have been sent to maintain or-

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Meet in some foreign country. "Based on the experience gained from many expeditions," General Barnett says, "I am strongly of the opinion that a mobile force of not less than thirty-five hundred men should be maintained on the Eastern coast, and one of not less than twelve hundred men on the Western coast. These forces would also be in readiness at all times for service as a part of the garrison of advance bases, acting as supports to the fixed defence force, by protecting the base from hosofile landing parties. This duty is of very great importance, as fortified harbors are very vulnerable to this form annual report, made public to-night.

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Says Wilson Navy Plan Ignores Lessons of War

Professor Cathcart Declares United States Should Rush Building of Dreadnoughts to Replace "Forlorn Hope" Ships-Must Keep Pace with Foreign Powers.

By PROF. WILLIAM LEDYARD CATHCART.

Professor William Ledyard Catheart was formerly chief engineer Professor William Ledyard Catheart was formerly chief engineer in the United States Navy and served as assistant to the engineer in chief of the Navy Department during the Spanish-American War. Since then he has held positions in Columbia and other universities as professor of mechanical engineering. Being no longer in the employ of the government, Professor Catheart is free to give his views on this subject, a privilege denied those on active service. He offers these criticisms in the belief that a country-wide discussion of President Wilson's recommendations will help the wation to decide on a proper programme of the conference committee on national security tions will help the wation to decide on a proper programme of the he has held positions in Columbia and other universities as professor of mechanical engineering. Being no longer in the employ of the government, Professor Catheart is free to give his views on this subject, a privilege denied those on active service. He offers these criticisms in the belief that a country-wide discussion of President Wilson's recommendations will help the nation to decide on a proper programme of preparedness.

In view of the manifest desire of the administration to meet the nation-wide demand for effective preparedness against war, adverse criticism of the measures proposed by the President in his message to Congress is an ungrateful task.

But neither the eloquent and patriotic words in which this message is couched, nor the seemingly imposing list of proposed ships which it gives, can cover the fact that the programme is largely but a promise, "the substance of the seeming the pre-dreadnought is a "mixed battery" ship, carrying heavy guns of several carbon to defining the ethics of to Mr. Kitchin defining the ethics of the conference committee on national preparedness. Mr. Woodhouse, who is governor of the Aero Club, member of the conference committee on national preparedness.

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Since we have their first line snips set them at such mortally hazardous work as a such mortally

Premier, Count Okuma, addressed the this country without strong navies, but Premier, Count Okuma, addressed the that the navies of the great powers Diet, urging that "not n day can will be weakened by this war is a be lost" in carrying out the plans for delusion. Construction abroad has been

This list, too, does not include the navy yard at Mare Island, to which the Secretary has just awarded a battleship, that at League Island, to which he is reported as having promised one from

shall be able to get in the same number of effective hits as when firing inde, pendently—the consensus of naval opinion is that the strength of a division should be four ships. As these ships must manœuvre and act together they should be similar throughout. Hence at least four battleships should.

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Diet, urging that "not a day can be lost" in carrying out the plans for naval expansion ratified by the Council of Defence. Thus, even Japan, with an effective dreadnought strength now about equal to our own, feels unprepared.

How Building Could be Expedited.

Assistant Secretary Franklin D. Roosevelt is quoted as asying: "I wish the programme could be made larger, but there are practical questions as to the cametry of the plants, labor, and other things which make it questionable as to whether we could lay down more ships."

Mr. Roosevelt does not give what is possibly the chief reason, that, owing to the preaent condition of the Treasury, the aim of the aliministration has been to propose the most moderate programme which would satisfy the popular demand.

As to expeditious building: In the first place, England by working extra shifts and expending aboat \$2,000,000 more per ship, has completed in less than two years dreadnoughts which ordinarily would fave taken nearly three. Secretary Duniels has stated that under pressure "certainly nine or ten, restrict that the may rard at Mare Island, to which the navy yard at Mare Island.

reported as having promised one from the next authorization, and that at Norfolk, which, if suitably equipped, is as eligible as any other yard.

In addition, the practice of building but one or two battleships at a time leady to a non-homogeneous fleet and a consequent lack of efficiency, since, ewing to the march of progress, later the stress are any a differ. wing to the march of progress, later ships are sure to differ.

For proper concentration of fire that is, so that each ship of a group shall be able to get in the same number of a group shall be able to get in the same number.

ships must manoeuvre and act together they should be similar throughout. Hence at least four battleships should be built simultaneously. This applies to battle cruisers also.

Any other policy leads to a fleet which is a sort of naval museum, a collection, in units or pairs, of examples of naval progress in battleship design. Of course, it can fight, but its efficiency suffers from its lack of homogeneity.

Our "Forlorn Hope Fleet."

men, was missing at the time.

Captain Goodwin told efficers of the Lord Cromer that his vessel, on Admirally business, was sunk by the submarine on November 30. The Clan MacLeod had been ordered to stop but the captain sent his ship full speed and was shelled by the submarine until he signalled surrender and ordered his mon to the boats. Captain Goodwin told efficers of the while several other members of the crew were killed or seriously injured.

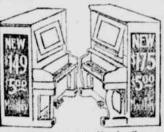
less than ten years ago, has wrought a revolution in all great navies. The practical effect of its construction has been the retirement to the second line or to the reserve of all pre-dreadought ships. In the United States may there are twenty-five of these vessels, whose aggregate cost was \$155,688,252. And yet, owing to the slow growth and ferble strength of our dreadnought fleet, it is evident that, for some years at least, in war with any great power, the bulk of these obsolescent vessels must try to do the work of first line ships. The British call their older pre-dreadwar.

U. S. MILITARISM LIKE PORCUPINE

Wouldn't Attack Rat, but Could Repel Lion, Says Woodhouse.

Replying to a letter in which Claude Kitchin, House leader, defended his stand against preparedness, Henry





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That Which Is NEW in the White Sale

Black Chiffon Nightgowns with Set of Satin and Cobweb Laces, Confections in Silk Marquisette

Black Silk Net Marquisette Nighttowns, with Ophelia sleeves and
ohie-and-black spangled bodices.
Sets of black Georgette Crepe,
with bodices of filmy Princess lace.
Sets of black Satin, with black
Sets of black Satin, with black
Secorgette Crepe relieved with white
sleeve. and all of them
doubted with satin daisies and violets.
Satin Pantalettes, gathered at
ankle and ruffled in gold lace over
accordion-pleated cloth of gold.
Also Satin Pantalettes, wide at
ankle, flounced in silver-dotted laces
and relieved in black velvet.

Sets of black Silk Chiffon over white Chiffon, trimmed with gold lowers, and in Trilby sleeveless

Washable Satin Underwear Rose Pink Satin Sets-pantalette

Satin and Georgette Crepe Night-owns with lamp-shade sleeves. Satin Sets with Silvery Tracery aces and French Buds.

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consisting of boudoir cap, bloomers Marguerites of Black Satin and bodice camisole, petticoat and night-gown—the nightgown with streaming Ophelia sleeves, and all of them

Beautiful Things of Chiffon Other Beauties That You Have An envelope Chemise of blood

orange chiffon over maize chiffon, with streamers of satin ribbons. A rainbow chiffon Confection, in wonderfully blended subdued colorings, ties itself over the shoulders. Nightgowns of Lorna Doone flow ered chiffons in Empire style, with streamers of first-bud green satin.

Garments of Kewpie Silk Envelope Chemises and Nightgowns of Kewpie silk, frilled with black and white tracery laces.

Underwear Nightgowns of flesh-color silk

Marquisette over baby chick color chiffon, and trimmed with satin buds. Nightgowns of flesh-color satin striped net Marquisette over flesh chiffon, with puff sleeves and blue satin rosettes.

Never Seen

Bolling lavender satin Gowns Fur trimmed pussy willow taffets

Nightgowns. Nightgown and Skirt of two-tone

satin striped taffeta.

Camisoles of cloth of gold and cloth of silver, some crystal spangled, some gold lace and silver lace trimmed.

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Extra Size Drawers at 28c., at \$1.46 to \$11.98. 36c., 46c., 56c., 76c. to \$2.25.

Short Petticoats at 24c., 36c., 46c., 56c., 66c. to \$1.98. Extra Size Short Petticoats at 36c. to \$1.75.

Envelope Chemises at 36c., 46c., 76c., 86c., 94c., \$1.26 Corset Covers and Cami-66c. to \$5.98.

Camisoles of Silver Cloth at

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fitted model with fine natural skunk collar, \$90. Hudson Seal Coat, 45 in long, loose full coat with skunk collar, cuffs and border, \$150. Second floor, Fulton street, Central Bidg.

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At 49c. Elaborate Brassiere of linen and lace; batiste and lace, em-At 89c. Fine batiste Brassiere with deep yoke of fine embroidery back and front; insertion from shoulder to bust. Envelope Chemises of Crepe

Petticoats of Crepe de Chine Bloomers at 36c., 46c., 56c. and Satin, \$3.86 to \$23.98. Combinations of Satin a \$3.94 to \$10.48.

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